

## FEDERATION WILL STAND BY OFFICERS

Apparent That Committee Will Recommend Appeal to Supreme Court.

## REPORTS SHOW GAINS FOR ORGANIZED LABOR

Finances Are at High Tide, Balance of More Than One Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Dollars Being in Treasury—Ruling in Factional Strife.

TORONTO, ONT., Nov. 8.—That the American Federation of Labor intends to stand by President Samuel Gompers and his officers, Vice-president John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, in their fight to evade the jail sentences imposed in the United States for contempt of court was indicated today by the attitude of the delegates in attendance at the twenty-ninth annual convention.

It is apparent that the committee on the president's report will recommend that the case be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. At least this is the expressed opinion of many of the delegates.

Substantial Gains.  
Mr. Gompers in his report discussed a wide range of labor issues, and those of Secretary Frank Morrison and treasurer John B. Lennon, which followed, showed that organized labor has made substantial gains in the past year and that the funds of the federation are at high tide with a balance of \$165,303 in the treasury.

The convention's attitude towards the factional strife among the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was shown today when the credential committee reported in favor of the faction headed by F. J. McNulty and declined to seat James J. Reid, of the Erie, Pa., central labor union, president of the insurgents, and other delegates from organizations whose charters had been revoked by the federation.

President Gompers ruled that only organizations in good standing were entitled to representation in the convention.

May Be Aired on Floor.  
It is predicted that the dissatisfied electrical workers eventually will air their grievances on the floor of the convention.

They contended that their charters were revoked before they had had an opportunity to appeal to the convention. The greatest part of tomorrow's session probably will be devoted to the report of the executive council and the various committee appointments will be read.

## MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Report Says Husband Settled Ten Thousand Dollars Upon Her in Lieu of Alimony.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Mills sitting in the Supreme Court at New York City. All papers in the case were sealed and the proceedings were carefully guarded.

In court Henry W. Taft appeared for Mrs. Astor, while Col. Astor was represented by Lewis Cass Ledyard.

It is understood that counsel in the case made a preliminary arrangement as to the disposition of the two Astor children and the question of alimony. It has been generally reported that Col. Astor made a settlement of \$10,000 in lieu of alimony.

Mrs. Astor was a Miss Ava Willing, of Philadelphia and was married to Col. Astor in 1891.

## INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

Memphis Chancellor Decides He Has No Jurisdiction in Election Case. (Special to Daily Press.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 8.—Holding that his court was without jurisdiction, Chancellor Heiskell today dissolved the injunction which he had earlier granted to former Mayor J. J. Williams, restraining the Shelby county election commission from delivering to Edward H. Crump a certificate of election to the office of mayor of Memphis.

The election took place Thursday and Mr. Crump had a plurality of 79 votes over Mr. Williams and three other contestants.

Mr. Williams' attorneys announced their intention of carrying the contest to the Circuit Court, charging that the votes cast in a town recently admitted into the city incorporation were illegal.

## PLEASED WITH SHOWING MADE BY NORTH DAKOTA

General Manager of Fore River Yard Says Performance Was Satisfactory in Every Particular.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 8.—"Her performance was satisfactory in every particular," said H. C. Smith, general manager of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, in speaking today of the official trials of the American navy's new "dreadnaught" the battleship North Dakota.

The battleship, during her final 24-hour test, consumed 295 tons of coal, or 20 tons less than the amount required on a similar run by the Delaware, the only other vessel of her class in the American navy.

The Delaware has reciprocating engines, while the North Dakota is equipped with American-made Curtis turbines.

The water consumption was well below the guaranteed limit, but the exact figures were not made known.

## REFORM CURRENCY SYSTEM.

Aldrich Emphasizes His Purpose to Devote Himself to Task. (By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 8.—With emphasis even stronger than he used in his Chicago speech, Senator Aldrich made it evident to the business men of St. Louis today and tonight that it is his purpose to devote himself to the present with especial single-mindedness to the one work of reforming the currency system of the United States.

He spoke briefly today before a limited gathering of bankers at the Noonday Club and more extensively tonight in the presence of the full membership of the commercial club.

## State Press Association.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 8.—The Virginia Press Association, which is to begin its sessions here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in Murphy's hotel, will be called to order by President A. B. Williams, after which addresses of welcome will be delivered by Governor Swanson and Charles B. Cooke, president of The Richmond Evening Journal.

## WOULD REDUCE MILEAGE

Farmers Propose Cut in Allowances to Congressmen.

## POSTAL BANK LAW FAVORED

Representative Small Points Out How Agricultural Interests of South Would Develop Through Inland Waterways.

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 8.—A reduction in the mileage allowed members of congress from 10 to 5 cents a mile is sought in resolutions adopted by the Farmers' National Congress here today.

Legislation to establish four national roads from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the strengthening of the "oleo" law, a law prohibiting railroads from charging a full trip mileage rate in excess of the rates of the states through which the trip extends, the enactment of a postal bank law, including the franking privilege to state agricultural schools and colleges for the extension of publication work, were urged in other resolutions.

The congress also placed itself on record in favor of the enactment of a law modernizing parcels post system, urged congress to appropriate money for denatured alcohol distilleries at selected agricultural experiment stations, and favored government aid to public roads.

## Inland Waterways.

Representative Small, of this state, in addressing the congress told how the agricultural interests of the south would develop through the establishment of inland waterways.

Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh, pointed out the great advance made in southern agricultural methods; Dr. F. L. Stevens, bacteriologist of the North Carolina Agricultural & Mechanical College, told of the efforts to get rid of plant diseases.

Dr. J. L. Burgess, agronomist of the North Carolina department of agriculture, also spoke.

That the unrest of women in farm homes is due to a lack of modern improvements, to colorless monotony attending isolation and to a lack of intelligent

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## PRESIDENT'S TRIP DRAWING TO CLOSE

Demonstrative Reception Given Visitor in Little South Carolina City.

## SOUTH WARNED AGAINST DANGERS OF PROSPERITY

Should Remember to Demand in All Business Affairs the "Standard of Integrity and Morality Outlined by Theodore Roosevelt"—Two Days of Welcome at Augusta.

(By Associated Press.)

FLORENCE, S. C., Nov. 8.—Leaving Augusta two days of welcome rest behind him, President Taft started for Washington this afternoon and stopped over here for three hours this evening. He was given a reception in this little community of 10,000 as demonstrative as many he has received in cities of far more pretensions. In the throng which lined the streets and which listened to an address by the President there were more rebel vells than in nearly all the rest of the south put together.

The President's visit to Florence was also marked by his introduction to the famous "Pine Bark Stew" of the Pee Dee section of South Carolina.

## Interrupted by Airship.

Before leaving Augusta this afternoon the President assisted in the opening of the Georgia-Carolina Fair. He had the novel experience of having his address interrupted by the passing of an airship or dirigible balloon with its engines awhirr, immediately over the grandstand.

"I venture to think," he said, "it would be some time before that method of transportation will be followed in the matter of cotton bales."

The presidential train arrived at 7:50 and left shortly before 11 p. m. for Wilmington.

In his speech delivered in the open air tonight, President Taft warned the people of the South not to let the prosperity of 15 cents cotton run away with them, but to remember to demand in all business affairs the standard of integrity and morality outlined by Theodore Roosevelt.

## Should Remember Responsibilities.

"Now, my friends," he declared, "we are apt to get enthusiastic over 15 cent cotton and the growth of cities and states, and all this material prosperity. But I hope that is so doing we shall not forget the responsibilities that ought to accompany our material growth. We have been prosperous before. We were exceedingly prosperous in 1907 and for eight years before that. But there came a time when Theodore Roosevelt and men like him who saw that the tendency which came from that prosperity to an accumulation of wealth in individual hands by means that were not legal and could not be morally supported, called for a halt, and called for a halt, and called for an investigation of our prosperity and called for the enactment of legislation that should restrict our growth in order that it might be along lines of legality and along lines of business integrity and morality."

## Gets Licking at Golf.

AUGUSTA, GA., Nov. 8.—President Taft today played at golf with his host in Augusta, Major Joseph B. Cumming, defeating him 2 up and 4 to go; opened the Georgia-Carolina Interstate Fair; rode over the streets of Augusta, amid the cheers of the "fellow citizens"; and left the city at 3 p. m. for Florence, S. C.

The incident of the call upon him at the golf links on his invitation of "Ty" Cobb, the baseball player, the extreme cordiality of the reception of the President in "his winter capital" and the good fellowship extended to his entourage, were the features of the day. In his address at the fair grounds the President touched upon a number of matters of national importance. The keynote of his address was national sanitation, that a national board of health should accomplish for the nation itself, what the nation has accomplished for others in Cuba, Panama and other places.

This is the first time in the south that the President has addressed himself to this subject. He also took occasion to talk ship subsidy and to suggest that the legislation merited

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## IRON BARS PREVENT ESCAPE FROM FLAMES

Eight Workmen Burned to Death in Brooklyn Comb Factory—Others Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Iron barred windows prevented the escape from death by fire of eight workers in Robert Morrison & Sons comb factory in Brooklyn today, and five other men probably were fatally injured in making their escape from the building. William Morrison, son of the owner of the plant, lost his life in the flames while trying to reach the safe and close its doors. His father was among the injured.

Luckily there were only forty employees in the factory when the fire started, for the spread of the flames was rapid in the inflammable comb material.

Those who rushed to the rear found the windows barred and there met their doom. Nearly all of the victims were Italians.

## KILLED BY TRAIN.

Unconscious Form of Richmond Man Found by Trackwalker.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 8.—Struck down in the darkness Saturday night by a train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad a short distance outside the city limits, T. J. Jones, 34 years old, of 17 East Marshall street, received injuries from which he died that night in the city hospital.

James' unconscious form was picked up about 8:30 o'clock Saturday night by a trackwalker, and it was immediately brought to the Chesapeake and Ohio station in Richmond in a box car. Meanwhile, the city ambulance had been summoned and took James to the hospital from the station, but James was in too weakened a condition to permit of an operation. He never rallied and died shortly after midnight.

James was a barber in a shop in First street. He was unmarried. His body is at the hospital awaiting word from a sister who lives near Cincinnati, who has been notified. It is probable that it will be sent there for burial.

## CARTER CASE FOR HEARING.

Department of Justice Has Date Advanced to January 10. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—The Supreme Court of the United States today advanced for hearing on January 10, 1940, the case of the government against Captain Oberlin M. Carter, in which the government is seeking to obtain possession of the money held by Carter at the time of his arrest for defalcation in connection with the improvement of the harbor at Savannah, Ga.

The department of justice has required that such action be taken.

## BAD FIRE AT NORFOLK.

Fertilizer Factory and Wharf Destroyed by Blaze.

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 8.—The main building and wharf of the Imperial Company, a fertilizer manufacturing concern, owned principally by L. A. and J. R. Young, its president and vice-president, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000. It is covered by insurance.

The plant was located at Money Point, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river, across the river from the United States naval magazine, and fears for the safety of that were entertained, but the magazine was in no danger.

## OUR COTTON TOO EXPENSIVE.

Herr Dernberg Discusses American Visit at Banquet. (By Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 8.—The German secretary of state for colonies, Herr Dernberg, at a banquet given tonight by the chamber of commerce, spoke at some length of his recent visit to the United States.

The salient features of the conclusions which he derived from his visit, he said, were that the United States did not grow sufficient cotton for the world's needs, and grew cotton too expensive.

Guarantees Restored. (By Associated Press.)

MADRID, Nov. 8.—The Spanish government today restored the constitutional guarantees in the Catalan provinces of Barcelona and Girona, which were suspended last July when the revolt broke out in these provinces.

## McFarland Gets Decision.

(By Associated Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 8.—Packer MacFarland was given the decision over Cyclone Johnny Thompson, of Sirmore, Ill., in a round fight tonight.

## COOK CAUSTIC IN REPLY TO CHESTER

Refers to Rear Admiral Who Called Him Faker as "This Unbiased Gentleman."

## SENDS STATEMENT FROM QUIET PLACE OF RETREAT

"Do the American People Wonder That I Have Kept My Promise?" He Asks—Will Submit Data to Geographic Society if Peary Sends His to Copenhagen.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Although he announced early in the evening that he had retired to "a quiet place away from New York," Dr. Frederick A. Cook caused to be issued through a friend tonight a statement in answer to Rear Admiral Chester, of the National Geographic Society, who discredited the Brooklyn explorer's claims in an interview at Washington. Dr. Cook says:

"This is the unbiased gentleman who displayed such anxiety to pass upon my records, and who now desires to go to Copenhagen as an unprejudiced witness. Do the American people wonder that I have kept my promise to the scientists of Denmark?"

"The only point raised by Admiral Chester is the suggestion of erroneous location by midnight sun. This sight of the midnight sun on April 7 is no evidence of our position. Though the days had been clear, the northern skies had not been clear at night for many days previous.

## Cloudiness Obscured Horizon.

A cloudiness obscured the horizon and the sun sank into this. We did not use the sun at night for nautical observations. Nor did we stay awake all night to watch for effects.

"The original data which I will send to Copenhagen on November 25 by a special messenger who will take passage on the steamer United States of the Scandinavian-American Line, will be accompanied by an analysis which I am now preparing, and which will, I hope, make it unnecessary for me to attend before the University of Copenhagen, to explain such questions which may arise upon the original record of my observations.

## Makes a Condition.

"My unaltered original field notes and my instruments, when I recover them, will of course be available for examination by the National Geographic Society upon the condition that Commander Peary agrees to submit his original data and instruments for examination at the University of Copenhagen."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—To pass on the question as to whether the North Pole was discovered before 1909, that is to whether Dr. Cook reached it a year prior to Commander Peary, the board of managers of the National Geographic Society today appointed the following committee: J. Howard Gore, formerly professor of mathematics, George Washington University; Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, of the navy, and Dr. C. Wilford Hayes, chief geologist of the geological survey.

## Fairer to Cook.

A charge from the committee which recently passed upon the Peary records was made in accordance with the recommendations of the committee on research of the society and because it was thought that this would be fairer to Dr. Cook.

The committee, in accordance with announcement, will not go to Copenhagen in the prosecution of its inquiry, but will rely on data obtained otherwise.

For this purpose it will have authority to interrogate such persons and make such journeys as may be regarded essential to finally determine the question of the discovery of the pole.

The action of the University of Copenhagen in refusing to permit a committee of the National Geographic Society to attend the examination as witnesses merely of Dr. Cook's records, has caused surprise and regret.

## Chester's Speech a Mistake.

Among some of the society there is a feeling that a grave mistake was made by Rear Admiral Chester, one of the committee who examined the Peary records, when he publicly spoke Saturday night he discredited Dr. Cook's claims to the discovery of the pole.

Commander Peary arrived in Washington today and proceeded at once to the navy department where he met Assistant Secretary Winthrop and a number of his fellow officers. It was the first visit paid by him to the department since his return from the Arctic.

## COOK IN "A QUIET PLACE."

Explorer Preparing His Data Out of Reach of Interruption. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, is at "a quiet place away from New York preparing his North Pole data for submission to Copenhagen University."

A statement issued tonight by his lawyer says: "Dr. Cook's time was so invaded while in New York and he was under such surveillance by persons seemingly interested in his movements and those of his counsel and friends that he decided to continue the work upon the data for Copenhagen in a quiet place away from New York. When his work on that data has been completed Dr. Cook will resume his activities in New York and elsewhere as usual."

"It is denied that messages to and from Dr. Cook at his New York hotel were intercepted, but the statement says that the contents of messages sent to Dr. Cook in the West were published before they reached him."

## WANTS MINISTERS TO PREACH HEALTH SERMONS

North Carolina Officials Appeals to Pastors for Aid in Tuberculosis Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

THOMASVILLE, N. C., Nov. 8.—Every minister of the state has been appealed to by Dr. Charles A. Julian, assistant secretary for the state board of health to preach a special health sermon on the subject of tuberculosis. Dr. Julian wants the ministers to stir up the people of North Carolina to the dangers of the terrible white plague and to explain to them how this fatal malady may be wiped out by preventative measures.

By riveting the attention of all classes upon this one subject on the same day, he hopes to introduce a new and effective method for fighting the disease.

## Southern Baseball League.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 8.—The Southern Baseball League was given a new lease on life at its annual meeting here today when the eight franchises were extended ten years beginning with the season of 1940.

## ANNEXATION CASE UP

Attorneys Will Appear Before Judge Tyler Today.

## A NECESSARY FORMALITY

Order Will be Entered Docketing Cause and Asking Governor to Designate Another Judge—Counties Prepared to Fight.

In the Circuit Court of Warwick county this morning Judge Tyler will docket the case involving the proposed extension of the city limits of Newport News. City Attorney J. A. Massie will be present to represent Newport News, and Warwick and Elizabeth City counties, both of which propose to become parties defendant in the action through their supervisors, will be represented by Commonwealth's Attorney Wilcox, and Judge E. E. Montague, commonwealth's attorney of Elizabeth City, assisted by Mr. S. Gordon Cumming.

Judge Tyler will docket the case and then enter an order setting forth that it is not proper that he should sit in the proceeding, and asking the governor to designate another judge to hear the case. As the city is anxious to have the matter disposed of at the earliest possible moment, it is expected that the governor will designate a judge at once.

The proposed extension of the city limits would take in all of that territory in Warwick county lying below the city and bounded by James river, Hampton Roads and Salter's creek. It would also take in certain Warwick county territory between the easterly city limits and Salter's creek, and Elizabeth City territory across the present northeastern city line.

The officials of both Warwick and Elizabeth City counties have expressed their intention of making a determined fight against the annexation movement.

The application of the citizens living along the Boulevard for admission into the city of Newport News will come before Judge Clarence W. Robinson in the Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county. Judge Robinson will docket this case and ask that another judge be designated to hear it, and it is probable that the judge named to sit in the Warwick court proceedings also will dispose of this case.

## MADAME STEINHEIL SCORES ON COURT

Doctor Testifies That Alleged Murder Victims Died From Asphyxiation.

## ANOTHER SAYS WOMAN'S ILLNESS NOT FEIGNED

Day's Proceedings Considered Distinct Victory for the Prisoner—No Direct Evidence Produced Against Her—Burlington, American Newspaper Man, Causes Flurry.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 8.—Greater than ever at the opening of the second week is the public interest in the trial of Mme. Margherite Steinheil, who is accused of murdering her husband, Adolphe Steinheil, and her stepmother, Mme. Japy.

The prisoner though looking haggard on appearing in court today, was considerably calmer after passing a Sunday of repose. Mme. Antanzio, wife of one of Steinheil's models, and Dr. Archary, the Steinheil family physician, though called by the state, both testified in favor of the accused, the former insisting upon the frenzied condition of the woman on the morning after the crime and the doctor contradicting in the most categorical fashion the testimony attributed to him before the examining magistrate.

Asphyxiated, Says Doctor.  
Dr. Archary testified that Steinheil's death was due to asphyxiation after strangulation and that Madame Japy's death resulted from asphyxiation. Because of the manner in which the bodies were ligated the doctor offered the opinion that one person alone could not have committed the murders.

When the taking of testimony was resumed after recess, Mme. Steinheil wept bitterly while Pierre Buisson, who broke off his engagement to Martha Steinheil, testified.

He declared that his action had nothing to do with the question of a dowry.

## Illness Not Feigned.

Another doctor testified that he did not consider the prisoner's illness after the crimes were discovered, was feigned. An expert who examined the ropes with which Mme. Steinheil was bound testified that they came from the kitchen of the Steinheil house and a clock expert who examined the clock in the house declared that it had been stopped by hand, as it was wound up.

Frederick Burlington, the American newspaper man, who was arrested on suspicion at the time of the murders created a flurry on being called to the stand by announcing: "I am the man who has just escaped the guillotine."

The detective who escorted Mme. Steinheil when she secretly viewed Burlington and identified him as one of the assassins testified that he was so greatly impressed with the prisoner's sincerity that he would not have believed her if she had confessed that she was guilty.

## Victory for Defendant.

Today's proceedings are considered a distinct victory for the defendant, as no direct evidence implicating her was produced. On the contrary several of the state's witnesses testified in her favor.

## WIFE RODE OVER HER HUSBAND'S DEAD BODY

Prominent Physician Admits That His Automobile Killed Harvey L. Anderson.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 8.—Dr. James H. Crawford, a prominent physician admitted yesterday that it was his automobile which late Saturday night killed Harvey L. Anderson, president of the Anderson Hardware Company, of this city, and well known throughout the South. Dr. Crawford, prosecuted by the accident, has not yet made any statement of the details.

Mr. Anderson, after being hit by Dr. Crawford's automobile, was run over by two other automobiles close behind, the last one containing his wife.

## OPERATION SUCCESSFUL.

Midshipman Wilson Resting Easily at the Hospital. (By Associated Press.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Nov. 8.—After undergoing a delicate operation yesterday involving the removal of bone pressure on his spinal cord which has caused total paralysis since he was injured in a football game three weeks ago Midshipman Earl D. Wilson, navy's quarterback, is resting easily today.